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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
CLERGY REPORTED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES

1. IN RESPONSE OF YOUR REQUEST OF JULY 17, 1978
REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PABLO GAZZARI, CARLOS BUSTOS
AND MAURICE SILVA, THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP
ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERN-
MENT HAS NO RECORD OF THE DETENTION OF FATHER GAZZARI,
FATHER BUSTOS, AND FATHER SILVA, NOR ANY INFORMATION REGARD-
ING THEIR WHEREABOUTS.
THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MADE INQUIRIES IN THESE CASES WITH
FEDERAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THE CAPITAL AND IN BUENOS
AIRES PROVINCE, AND ALSO WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY.

2. REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE NUNS ALICIA DAMON
AND LEONIE DUQUET, THE EMBASSY PRESENTED INQUIRIES
TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN DECEMBER, 1977. WE HAVE
HAD NO FORMAL REPLY TO DATE, ALTHOUGH THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT IT HAS NO
INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR WHEREABOUTS.
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3. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
THESE CASES HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE FOREIGN

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OFFICE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THESE CASES
AND WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
CASTRO

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